

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application are respectfully requested.

**I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 8 are cancelled herein without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 2, 3, and 5 are amended herein.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 are currently pending and under consideration in the present application.

**II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1, 4, 6 AND 8 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(A), AND DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1 AND 8**

Claims 1, 4, 6 and 8 are cancelled herein.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 1, 4, 6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and the double patenting rejection of claims 1 and 8 are overcome.

**III. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

In item 8, on page 7 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2, 3 and 5 are rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of claim 1. Claim 7 depends from claim 3.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 2, 3, 5 and 7 patentably distinguish over the prior art and define allowable subject matter.

**IV. CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that each of the claims patentably distinguishes over the prior art, and therefore defines allowable subject matter. A prompt and favorable reconsideration of the rejection along with an indication of allowability of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

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